

Michigan State Police Regional Policing Plan

Since 1917, the Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) has provided Michigan's citizens the highest quality primary law enforcement and support services. With the unique positioning of statewide resources and jurisdiction, the MSP is committed to providing highly trained personnel and state-of-the-art technology to ensure the safety of Michigan's families.

The MSP personnel most visible to the public are the uniform troopers whose primary responsibilities are to deter criminal activity, arrest those who break the law, and assist local public safety agencies in protecting the public. Equally important to providing comprehensive law enforcement services, but less visible, are the general and specialized investigative resources provided by detective troopers and detective sergeants. Assigned to work locations statewide, with authority to work across jurisdictional boundaries, these troopers and sergeants provide a full range of services, including the investigation of crimes, apprehension of criminals, traffic patrol, and the preservation of law and order throughout Michigan.

Faced with a \$17.7 million general fund reduction for fiscal year 2012, the department began implementation of a regional policing plan in October 2011 to allow it to continue its mission and achieve necessary cost savings without laying off a single trooper.

REGIONAL POLICING PLAN

- The regional policing plan restructured the MSP's current service delivery model to one that is more responsive to emerging crime trends and less constrained by traditional geographic boundaries.
- Adoption of the regional policing model was designed to provide increased services while relying less upon traditional "bricks and mortar" post buildings. The MSP chose to give up infrastructure rather than people.
- Under the regional policing plan, the MSP reduced the number of its posts from 62 to 29. The remaining posts were closed or turned into detachments. Detachments serve as locations where troopers can start and end their shifts, accomplish administrative tasks, and meet with the public by appointment.
- Service levels in most parts of the state remained unchanged or were enhanced given the increased flexibility in deployment and scheduling provided by this service delivery model.
- Patrol vehicles are being equipped with mobile technology, allowing troopers to perform more administrative functions from their vehicle and spend less time at the post. This also provides increased officer visibility.
- The department is currently piloting an assigned vehicle program where troopers start and end their day from their residence, to further increase patrol time and visibility.

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